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SUBJ: AIRCONDITIONING OF AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE

1. I FOUND TO MY SURPRISE UPON ARRIVING IN KUWAIT THAT, OF THE ENTIRE EMBASSY, ONLY THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE WAS NOT SERVED BY THE EMBASSY CENTRAL AIRCONDITIONING SYSTEM. APPARENTLY AS THE SINGLE FLOOR EMBASSY
WAS EXTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE INCREASE IN PERSONNEL, AREA OF BUILDING EXCEEDED CAPACITY OF SYSTEM BY ONE ROOM, NAMELY MINE. IN MY OFFICE WE INSTALLED TWO 24,000 BTU EA. WINDOW UNITS - ONE WHICH BLOWS ON MY BACK WHEN I SIT AT MY DESK AND THE OTHER WHICH BLOWS DIRECTLY UPON MY VISITORS WHEN THEY ARE SEATED IN THE REMAINING PART OF THE OFFICE. CONSEQUENTLY, WHEN I AM SEATED AT MY DESK, I TURN ON THE FARTHER AIRCONDITIONER AND, WHEN I RECEIVE VISITORS, I TURN ON THE CLOSER ONE ON AND THEN FURTHER ONE OFF AND THEN JOIN THEM. SINCE I RECEIVE A CONSTANT STREAM OF VISITORS, I AM CONTINUALLY TURNING AIRCONDITIONERS ON AND OFF. WHEN ONE ALSO CONSIDERS THE AMOUNT OF NOISE PRODUCED BY ONE OF THESE UNITS WHICH MAKES HEARING DIFFICULT, I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THIS IS NOT A SATISFACTORY, NOR AN EFFICIENT USE OF TWO LARGE WINDOW UNITS. AS A RESULT, I ASKED MY GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER TO EXAMINE THIS PROBLEM AND HE HAS COME UP WITH WHAT I CONSIDER A REASONABLE AND INEXPENSIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF BOTH AIRCONDITIONING MY OFFICE IN THE LONG HOT SUMMER AND HEATING IT DURING THE BRIEF, BUT COOL WINTER. (APPARENTLY HEATING IS PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUAL ELECTRIC HEATERS.) I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO AUTHORIZED
DURING THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER THE FUNDS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH THE
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2. THE CARRIER CORP. IN KUWAIT HAS STUDIED THE PROBLEM AND RECOM-
MENDS A SINGLE PACKAGE UNIT. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:
(READ IN THREE COLUMNS)
DESIGN CONDITIONS:
  OUTSIDE TEMP DB
  OUTSIDE TEMP WB
  INSIDE TEMP WB
  RELATIVE HUMIDITY
SUMMER:
  115 DEGREES F.D.B.
  82 DEGREES F.W.B.
  78 DEGREES F.D.B. (PLUS 2 DEGREE F)
  50 PERCENT RH (PLUS 4 PERCENT)
WINTER:
  BLANK
  BLANK
  72 DEGREE F (PLUS OR MINUS 2 DEGREE F)
  BLANK

3. CARRIER HAS DETERMINED THAT THE EMBASSY'S PRESENT CENTRAL AIR
CONDITIONING UNIT DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO TAKE UP THE EXTRA
LOAD REQUIRED BY THE CM OFFICE. THEY RECOMMEND ONE CARRIER
SINGLE PACKAGE UNIT MODEL 50 DA002 WHICH HAS A CAPACITY OF 22,000
BTU HR (APPROX. 2 TONS) OF REFRIGERATION AT THE DESIGN AMBIENT
CONDITIONS FOR COOLING THE ABOVE OFFICE. THE UNIT WOULD BE INSTALLED
OUTSIDE ON A PIPE STAND WITH SUPPLY AND RETURN DUCTING FOR PROPER
AIR DISTRIBUTION. PRICE OF UNIT KD650. ($2217) WITH HEATING, WITH A
ONE-YEAR GUARANTEE WHICH INCLUDES SERVICE, REPAIRS AND PARTS FREE
OF CHARGE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION
AND FUND CITATION.
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